

# In the United States Court of Federal Claims

## OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 21-0869V

UNPUBLISHED

DAWN MAXFIELD,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

Chief Special Master Corcoran

Filed: March 13, 2023

Special Processing Unit (SPU);  
Ruling on Entitlement; Concession;  
Table Injury; Pneumococcal  
Conjugate Vaccine; Shoulder Injury  
Related to Vaccine Administration  
(SIRVA)

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*Lynn Christina Schlie, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for Respondent.*

### RULING ON ENTITLEMENT<sup>1</sup>

On February 4, 2021, Dawn Maxfield filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. §300aa-10, et seq.<sup>2</sup> (the "Vaccine Act"). Petitioner alleges that she suffered a shoulder injury related to vaccine administration ("SIRVA") as a result of a pneumococcal conjugate ("PCV-13") vaccine that was administered to her on October 9, 2020.<sup>3</sup> Petition at 1. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

<sup>1</sup> Because this unpublished Ruling contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, I am required to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002. 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2012) (Federal Management and Promotion of Electronic Government Services). **This means the Ruling will be available to anyone with access to the internet.** In accordance with Vaccine Rule 18(b), Petitioner has 14 days to identify and move to redact medical or other information, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy. If, upon review, I agree that the identified material fits within this definition, I will redact such material from public access.

<sup>2</sup> National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755. Hereinafter, for ease of citation, all section references to the Vaccine Act will be to the pertinent subparagraph of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa (2012).

<sup>3</sup> On July 7, 2021, Petitioner filed an amended petition reflecting that Petitioner received the subject vaccination on October 9, 2020. ECF No. 9. The original petition alleged Petitioner received the subject vaccination on October 7, 2020.

On March 2, 2023, Respondent filed his Rule 4(c) report in which he concedes that Petitioner is entitled to compensation in this case. Respondent's Rule 4(c) Report at 1. Specifically, Respondent agrees that Petitioner has satisfied the criteria set forth in the Vaccine Injury Table and the Qualifications and Aids to Interpretation for SIRVA. *Id.* at 5. Respondent further agrees that Petitioner has met all statutory and jurisdictional requirements. *Id.* at 5-6.

**In view of Respondent's position and the evidence of record, I find that Petitioner is entitled to compensation.**

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

s/Brian H. Corcoran

Brian H. Corcoran  
Chief Special Master